

AN Advantage of
Fastidious Smoking.

(Original.)

I was traveling in France in a railway train shut up in a compartment with but one person besides myself, a woman. I am an inveterate smoker, and it occurred to me that perhaps the lady would not object to my lighting a cigar. I asked her permission, she assented graciously, and, taking one from my cigar case, I lighted it. It was a long cigar, pointed at both ends, and remarkably well made. I mention this because if it had been loosely wrapped probably there would be nothing of especial interest in this story. As I began to puff composedly I drew from my pocket a morning paper and commenced to read.

"I envy you your solace, monsieur," the lady remarked. "Traveling is dull, and we women have no such way of passing the time."

I lowered my paper and for the first time took a look at her. She was passably good looking, comparatively young and very well dressed. Since she had been so good as to permit me to smoke I considered it only fair that I should take her hint and relieve her ennui by chatting with her. I was aware that the day of making acquaintances in this way even in America had passed, and even there it had never been usual for the woman to take the initiative, but my companion looked bored, and I attributed her desire simply to be temporarily amused.

I tested her on different topics and soon found that she was most interested in pleasures—exciting pleasures, such as the theater and the race course. She preferred, however, to talk of novels and evinced an especial interest in those of Emile Zola. Indeed, she conversed about the characters in those unconventional romances with a freedom that arrested my attention. And it seemed to me that the more unconventional the characters the better she liked them. Finally, taking the latest of Zola's stories published from her traveling bag, she opened it to a certain page and asked me to sit beside her and read a passage, giving as an excuse for not doing so herself that she was a very poor reader.

"Pardon me," I said. "I am smoking. The fumes would be unpleasant to you."

"Not at all. I love them."

"But," I protested, "you see that the ash on my cigar is very long. If I should move it would fall. Now, I am fastidious about my smoking. I love a freshly lighted cigar, and so long as the ash remains in its place the cigar seems as it was at the first touch of the match. Indeed, it tastes the same. But once knocked off the ash and the cigar is but a stump, the smoke gets in my eyes and—well, it is not the same by any means."

To tell the truth, this was but an excuse. I had come to suspect the lady to be an adventuress and did not look with complacency upon being shut up alone with her. She seemed to discern from my refusal to sit by her that I had my suspicions and, instead of attempting to allay them, began to work upon my fears.

"A man who scorns a lady's advances should be made to pay for his rudeness," she said sharply.

I considered this a threat, and to display an unconcern I did not feel I resumed my paper. Indeed, there was nothing else for me to do. I felt sure that the woman would spring a trap on me for the purpose of extorting blackmail, and I saw before me a serious complication, a possible arrest and imprisonment. But the more inward trepidation I felt the more outward coolness I showed. I concentrated my attention upon maintaining the ash on the end of my cigar. Every time I removed the cigar from between my lips and put it back I did so with the utmost care. Presently the woman took out her watch and looked at it.

"We will reach the station at N. in five minutes," she said. "I need 500 francs. Choose between giving them to me or an arrest on a charge of assault when the train stops."

Had she been willing to settle for a Napoleon I would not have yielded. I consider it demeaning in any man to pay blackmail. It may or may not be common sense, but I do not believe in making a beginning in that direction. I gave the woman no reply, but continued to appear interested in keeping the ash on the end of my cigar.

Finally the houses by the way grew thicker, and the train slowed down. "I'll settle for 1,000 francs," said the woman. "In one minute more my price will be 1,500." At the same time she began to pull her apparel awry to indicate that she had been through a struggle.

I smoked on.

In another minute the train pulled up at the station. The woman put her head out of the window and shrieked for the guard. He came, followed by officials and curious people, and drew open the door.

"This brute has assaulted me," said the woman. "Arrest him."

The guard and his followers all leveled their eyes at me. Taking what little remained of my cigar from my mouth, I extended it slowly toward the crowd on the platform.

"Could a man," I said, "interfere with any one and keep an ash like that on the end of a cigar?"

As I spoke the woman, upon whom flashed the reverse of the situation she had planned, brushed against me, slightly shaking me. The ash fell on the car floor.

There was a shout of derisive laughter at the woman, whose position was

made the more absurd by the condition of her clothing. Her experiment cost her a term in prison. NELSON MAXWELL.

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At Matayan, a village in the province of Ladakh, the habitable portion of the upper Indus valley, a friendly villager invited Mr. Huntington to dive down from the crust which covered eight or ten feet of snow into a one story house. This was at an elevation of 10,500 feet.

Although it was April 11, the snow, even on a level, was higher than the tops of the houses. Where it had been shoveled off the flat roofs it formed high banks, protecting them from the wind and making them the favorite sitting room at that season and even in winter, for the sunshine is always warm in that dry, cloudless climate.

When the little black cows had been driven and pulled out of the way Mr. Huntington descended to an almost closed shed used for the two or three hardy sheep and goats and was ushered, stooping, into a dark stable containing a little pony, shaggy, like all the animals. Bending low once more, he climbed over a high sill and was in the warm, close family living room.

Light and air came in through a hole in the roof a foot square surmounted by a chimney pot a foot high made of three stones set up to keep out the snow. A few bits of ragged cloth on the mud floor for sleeping purposes, a half dozen metal utensils and an iron pot full of Himalayan tea, kept warm over some embers, comprised all the visible equipment for housekeeping.

After the host had persuaded Mr. Huntington to take a seat on the floor a half pained old woman insisted upon lading out for him a bowl of tea. It was surprisingly good in view of the fact that a poor grade of tea leaves had been steeped half an hour or more with milk, butter, salt and soda. In richer houses Mr. Huntington was often served with tea which had been improved by being churned violently in a slender, greasy black churn, twenty inches long by four in diameter, in order to mix the rancid butter well into the compound before it was turned into the drinking bowl.

Irritation of the throat and hoarseness are relieved immediately by two or three little swallows of Kemp's Balsam, the best cough cure. Grip patients should make a note of this.

Book Auction Back in 1732. John Montgomery, governor of the province of New York, died on July 1, 1731. In the New York Gazette of May 8, 1732, is the following advertisement, the first of the kind:

"On Thursday, June 1, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, will begin to be sold at public auction a collection of valuable books belonging to the library of his excellency John Montgomery, Esq., late governor of New York, etc., deceased. A catalogue of the books may be seen at the Coffee House in New York, with the conditions of sale."

This is also the first instance where the word "auction" appears. "vendue" being the term in general use.

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Yet, while thus every one can exert hypnotic influence, no one can do it by a mere glance. All the stories of a secret influence by which one man's will gets hold of another man's mind are remains of the meretricious theories of the past. Today we know that everything depends upon the attention and imagination of the hypnotized and that no mysterious fluid can flow over from the mind of the hypnotist to the mind of the subject. The old mystical view of unscientific superstition reached its climax in the prevalent belief that a man could exert secret influence from a distance without the victim's knowledge, of the source of the uncanny distortion of his mind. According to this belief, every heinous crime might be committed under that cover. The distant hypnotizer could inflict pain and suffering on his enemy and could mislead the innocent as instruments of his criminal schemes.—Professor Hugo Munsterberg in McClure's Magazine.

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